Conservative Group Endorses Nixon

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The American Conservative Union yesterday endorsed the presidential candidacy of Republican Richard M. Nixon. It called third-party candidate George C. Wallace "a populist" and not a conservative.

Rep. John M. Ashbrook (R-Ohio) said in a statement the ACU's board found that the ticket of Nixon and Maryland Gov. Spiro T. Agnew represents "the philosophy of the majority of Americans."

The statement said: "At heart he (Wallace) is a populist with strong tendencies in the direction of the collectivist welfare state. On some decisive public issues, for example the right to work issue, Wallace has not sided with traditional conservatism but with the backers of compulsory unionism."